

The Miller's House
John Opdyke Farm
Rosemont Road
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Owner: W. H. and C. D. Cotton

Date of Erection: About 1740

Architect:

Builder: Probably John Opdyke

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone
partially stuccoed

Interior walls - plaster
on lath

Original floor boards

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

Just a short distance up the road toward Sergeantsville stands another stone house bearing the initials "I. M. O." - John and Mary Opdyke - and the date "1754". This house is the main house on what was the Opdyke farm to which the house of the survey once belonged. The house dated "1754" was obviously built at a later date, being much more elaborate than

the house of the survey. Apparently, it was built after the Opdykes had achieved some degree of success. We have assumed, therefore, that this house is probably as much as twenty years older and was built by John Opdyke.

The present owner obtained possession in 1923 when he bought two acres of land containing this house from Chester W. Johnson who had received title to a farm of about one hundred and forty acres in 1928. The Johnson family owned the property from 1923 when R. Johnson purchased from George Sergeant. George Sergeant had received the farm from his father Green Sergeant who left it to him by will in 1878. Green Sergeant had received the property from his father Charles by will in 1823. In this will Charles mentions "the mills and farm with the appurtenances belonging to the same, that I purchased from John Opdycke". John Opdyke and Rebecca his wife sold the property to Charles Sergeant in 1805. John Opdyke received the farm from his father Samuel who in turn had received it from his father John by a will of 1777.

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